

**FY 2006
SMALL FARMER INITIATIVE
for SOUTH CAROLINA**

**APPLICANT
SELF-CERTIFICATION**

I, _____, do hereby certify that I meet the
(Print Applicant's Name)

eligibility requirements of the South Carolina Small Farmer Initiative (SFI). These requirements are the same as those for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and those contained in the "FY 2006 Guidelines for Small Farmer Initiative for South Carolina."

These requirements include, but are not limited to, the following items of emphasis:

- 1.) My entire farming operation consists of 197 acres or less (*a 5% variance is allowed*)
- 2.) My annual adjusted gross family income is \$63,000 or less based on the last 2 years income tax returns (*a 5% variance is allowed*).
- 3.) I have not participated in any Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs for the past 10 years with the exception of a 2005 Small Farmer Initiative (SFI) contract.

I further understand and agree to provide any needed documentation as may be requested by a NRCS employee to verify my eligibility. Failure to provide the requested documentation may result in the cancellation of the application and/or contract.

Signature of Applicant

Date